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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2022 – 2023

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Reintroduction of Cheetah in India

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Year of Millets

The year 2023 has been declared by the United Nations as the Year of Millets. In order to celebrate the **Year of Millets – 2023**, CPREEC organised an **Essay**

Competition on January 10, 2023.

Schools students under the categories of Std. VI to VIII and Std. IX to XII participated and wrote about the importance and use of millets in English / Tamil.

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CPREEC EIACP RP, Chennai in collaboration with the Sikkim EIACP PC HUB organised a one-day Seminar on **Ecological Traditions of Sikkim** at the Forest Conference Hall, Gangtok on **February 27, 2023**.

The seminar had six key subject experts who presented on diverse ecological traditions of the State. About 70 students and faculties from colleges and universities in and around Gangtok participated.

ENVIS / EIACP Newsletter – Ecoheritage.com

CPREEC – ENVIS/EIACP – RP brought out four issues of the quarterly newsletter *Ecoheritage.com*

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- ❖ January – March 2023, Vol. XXI, No. 4

ENVIS/EIACP Website

CPREEC's ENVIS/EIACP Website **www.cpreecenvis.nic.in** is regularly updated. Details of updates as on March 31, 2023 is given below:

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3. Subject-specific database updation (numeric/ others)	207
4. Publication uploaded/updated on Website	27
5. Glossary uploaded/ updation on Website	6
6. Bibliography uploaded/ updation on Website	85
7. News uploaded	754
8. Upcoming events uploaded	29
9. Social media latest news uploads	
Facebook	236
Twitter	237
Instagram	235
10. Image Gallery	325
11. Video uploaded	11

CPREEC ENVIS / EIACP is also active on Twitter / Instagram / Facebook/ YouTube – Social media for wider dissemination of information.

Exhibition of GSDP products developed by trainees

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WIPRO EARTHIAN

Environmental Education in Schools

The Sustainability Education in Schools, implemented by CPREEC with the financial support extended by WIPRO Foundation, Bengaluru is under way in the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Goa and the Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. CPREEC conducted **12 direct workshops and**

8 online workshops covering 790 teachers from 21 districts. Totally 426 schools were covered.

CPREEC received a total of 326 projects from schools spread over 28 districts in five states and 2 union territories and 56 projects were shortlisted and sent to WIPRO Foundation for National Award. There are FIVE National Winners and SEVEN National Shortlist school projects from CPREEC network schools.

❖ National Winners:

Andaman Nicobar-2, Goa -1,
Andhra Pradesh-1, Karnataka-1

❖ National Shortlist:

Karnataka-3, Andaman-2,
Puducherry-1, Tamil Nadu-1

In order to motivate the participating students and teachers, CPREEC organised Regional Recognition Events (RREs) in all the five states and two union territories. A memento to the school and certificates to the students were distributed.

KARUNA FOUNDATION

Food and the Environment – Eat Healthy & Go Green

“Food and the Environment – Eat Healthy and Go Green” project was implemented in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha and Tamil Nadu with the financial support extended by Karuna Foundation.

Vegan cooking workshops

CPREEC organised fourteen (14) vegan cooking workshops (alternatives to milk and milk products and demonstration of vegan recipes) for varied target groups in the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and 848 participants benefitted.

Invited resource persons spoke on the importance of maintaining women's health, eating nutritious food and maintaining the health of family members. Fruit bearing saplings were distributed to the Anganwadi health workers requesting them to raise it in their house to improve their health and other family members. Participants were taught to make vegan recipes and demonstrated the preparation of salad, milk from groundnut and sesame seeds, vegetable curries and sweets without using dairy products.

Training programmes on Food and the Environment – Eat Healthy & Go Green

CPREEC's field and state offices at Ooty, Tumakuru, Vijayawada and Bhubaneswar organised the programmes. Programmes were conducted mainly for teachers, teacher trainees, women and nursing trainees on eating healthy food, veganism, ill-effects of non-vegetarian food to human and the environment, animal cruelties, etc.

Vegan Festivals

The first Vegan Festival was organised at the C.P. Art Centre on **July 22, 23 and 24, 2022**. Mr. Kuntal Joisher, a Vegan who climbed Mount Everest two times, came to Chennai specially to inaugurate the Vegan Festival on July 22, 2022. CPREEC released a poster about the Vegan Festival and gave advertisements in leading Newspapers in Chennai. A copy of the booklet *Eat Healthy – Go Green* were distributed to the visitors. Being the first of its kind in Chennai, the festival attracted a large number of people.

The second **Vegan Festival – Let's Go Green** was organised at the C. P. Art Centre on **February 17, 18 & 19, 2023**. Dr. S. Chinny Krishna, Co-Founder & Chairman, Blue Cross of India inaugurated and addressed the gathering.

Screening of film on *Maa Ka Dhoodh*

An award winning documentary film titled ***Maa Ka Dhoodh*** was screened at the CPR Convention Centre on **February 23, 2023**. The documentary was very well received by the audience and were very much moved after watching the film. The participants felt that the film highlighted the real facts and the message it conveyed was very clear. It was indeed a real eye opener on cruelties faced by the livestock in dairy industry.

GIZ PROJECT

CPREEC, Andaman Field Office is implementing a project titled **Cities Combating Plastics Entering the Marine Environment**, with the financial support extended by GIZ.

The objective of the CCP-ME project is to prevent plastic waste at source through sustainable waste management practices in selected hotspots. The overall project will work on interventions to enable selected cities to improve collection, segregation and marketing of plastic waste, to prevent plastic disposal to water bodies, and to improve handling of marine waste.

Tree plantation programme was organised as part of World Environment Day celebrations. Awareness programmes on solid waste management were conducted as part of Ocean day (June 8) celebrations. Beach clean-up activities were also carried out at Haddo Shores in collaboration with the Port Blair Municipal Council on **August 14 and 20, 2022**.

CPREEC organised various activities in selected hotspot area of Junglighat, Carbyn's Cove and R.K. Mission. Clean-up activities organized in Mazaarpahad, Carbyn's Cove and Junglighat. CPREEC conducted door to door survey and mobilization, Peoples Participatory Appraisal on waste management, awareness programme for school students and community people, and competitions under the Clean-Up

Port Blair Campaign during **December 2022**.

TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

CPREEC has been sanctioned a project by the Tamil Nadu Forest Department titled **Creation of Geospatial Database of the Sacred Groves in Tamil Nadu and Documentation of their Biodiversity**. The project period is 18 months commencing from December 2022.

A Senior Research Fellow, a Junior Research Fellow and a Field Assistant have been appointed to implement the project throughout Tamil Nadu. So far, the staff have recorded 71 sacred groves in Kallakurichi, Tiruvannamalai and Villuppuram districts. AGB – Above Ground Biomass BGB – Below Ground Biomass CS – Carbon Stock and floral diversity of the grove have also been recorded.

THIRD PARTY EVALUATION OF PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST THROWAWAY PLASTICS

CPREEC carried out a rapid evaluation study of the **"People's Campaign against throwaway Plastics"** of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB), Chennai in the month of December 2022. We evaluated the activities carried out by the various regional and district offices of the TNPCB throughout the state. We also prepared three types of questionnaire to obtain additional

information from the stakeholders like TNPCB Officials, school teachers, students and the general public.

The Additional Secretary to Government, Department of Environment, Climate Change & Forests was pleased with our report and CPREEC has been asked to carry out a detailed one-year study of the Third Party Evaluation of the People's Campaign against throwaway Plastics and the *Manjappai* Scheme.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMUNICATION (NCSTC) PROJECT

C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre (CPREEC) was sanctioned a project by the National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC), Department of Science & Technology, Government of India to conduct workshops in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands on **Science and Technology communication of best practices and awareness raising on Climate Change and Biodiversity Conservation in Andaman & Nicobar Islands** for teacher trainees and college students followed by exposure visits in the year 2019-20. Only 2 workshops could be conducted for teacher trainees in the month of March 2020.

Due to the outbreak of COVID 19 pandemic, CPREEC could not conduct

the workshops as the colleges were shut. The workshops were resumed in the month of October 2022. The resource kit comprising of a canvas bag, a cap and a pen were distributed to all the participants. Books on *Biodiversity* and *Climate Change*; booklet on *WaSH* were also distributed to the participating teacher trainees and college students. A total of five (5) workshops was conducted covering 266 participants in the Islands.

CSR ACTIVITIES

As part of CSR activities of Expleo Solutions Ltd., CPREEC carried out the following:

- ❖ Installed 44 cameras at the Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur Calavala Cunnan Chetty's Higher Secondary School, Perambur for the safety of the school children.
- ❖ Provided drinking water facility to the students of Government Boys' Higher Secondary School, Chromepet by installing a bore well and RO plant.

BASELINE SURVEY OF MISSION LIFE FOR INDIA

CPREEC signed an MoU with the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on March 29, 2023 to implement a project titled

Baseline Survey of LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) (An India-led global mass movement to nudge individual and community action to protect and preserve the environment) in southern region covering the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry for a period of three (3) months at a total cost of Rs.1,34,60,000/- from the Statistics Division, MoEF&CC, Government of India.

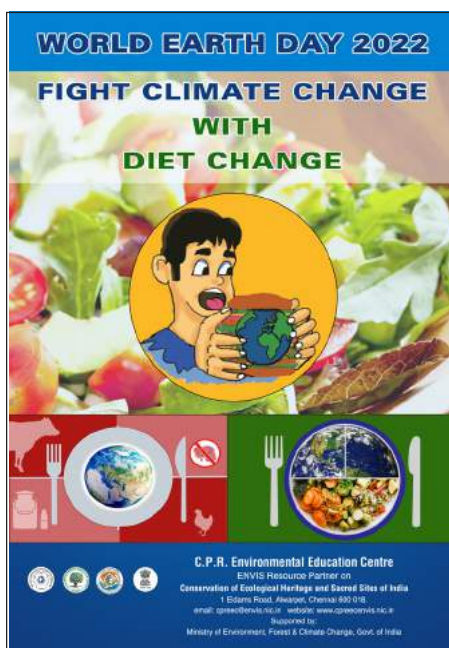


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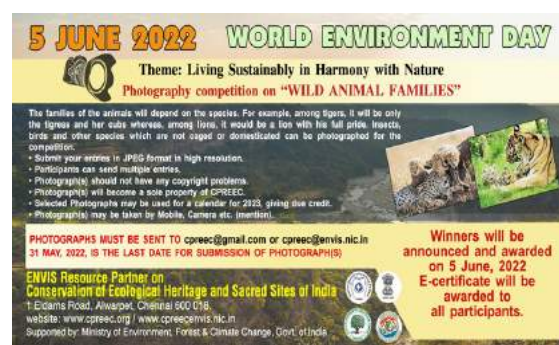
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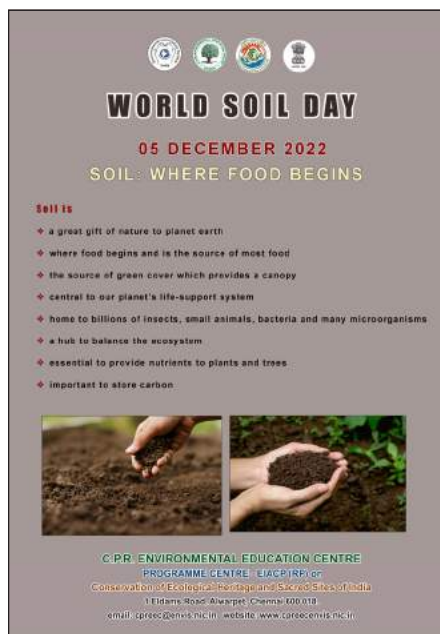
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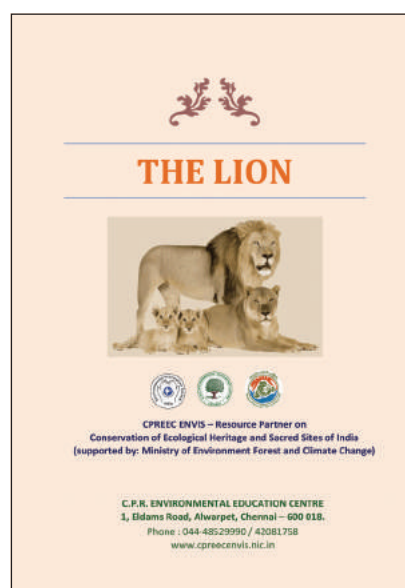
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Date	Name of the School	No of Teachers	No. of Students
12.9.2022	Government Adi Dravidar Welfare High School, Pulianthope, Chennai	4	139
12.9.2022	Murthuzaviya Oriental Higher Secondary School, Triplicane, Chennai	8	225
14.9.2022	Avvai Home T.V. Ramamurthy Girls Higher Secondary School, Adyar, Chennai	6	300
14.9.2022	Saraswathi Kendra Learning Centre for Children, Alwarpet, Chennai	17	113
15.9.2022	Chennai Higher Secondary School, Alwarpet, Chennai	3	140
15.9.2022	Chennai High School, Kamaraj Avenue, Adyar, Chennai	6	176
16.9.2022	Government Hobart Muslim Girls Higher Secondary School, Royapettah, Chennai	3	122
	Total	47	1215



Outreach activity for students and teachers

Year of Millets – Essay Writing Competition

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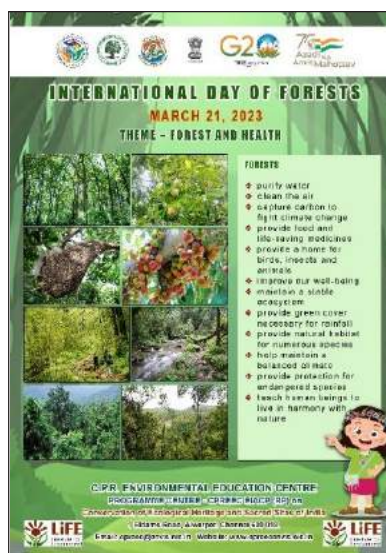
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ENVIS (EIACP) PROGRAMMES

The ENVIS Centre at CPREEC was established in April 2002 by the Environmental Information System (ENVIS) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India and assigned the responsibility for being the focal point for the thematic area of “Ecological Heritage and Sacred Sites of India”. It is now renamed as Environmental Information, Awareness Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme (EIACP).

Heritage is the cultural, social and spiritual legacy that we inherit from our past and pass on to the future. Indian heritage is unique in its reverence for Mother Nature in all her manifestations. Ancient traditions, rituals and practices have embedded this reverence in

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The Hon'ble Minister Shri. Bhupender Yadav, Smt. Leena Nandan, IAS, Secretary, and several other Ministry

officials interacted with the staff about the products. Dr. P. Sudhakar, EIACP Coordinator interacted with the Secretary and said that TRIFED is marketing the artefacts made by the Kota tribes. He further said that CPREEC – EIACP has helped the trainees of Port Blair to register with MSME to obtain loan to become self-employed. School students from Mother's Global School, S.D. Public School, New Delhi and others schools interacted with the staff. Several MoEF&CC officials and persons from EIACP Hub / RPs also visited the stall.



CPREEC's stall at National Workshop on LiFE at MoEF&CC, New Delhi

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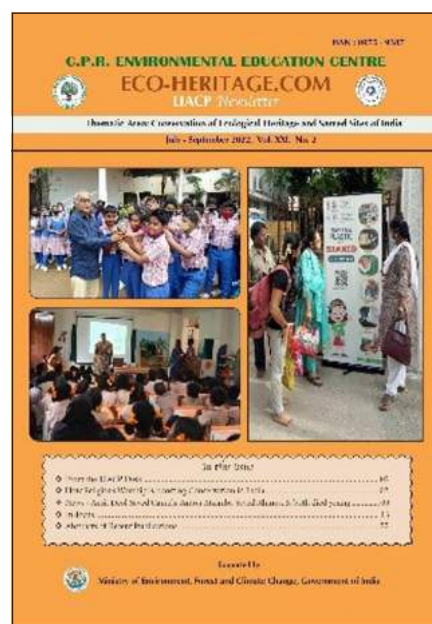
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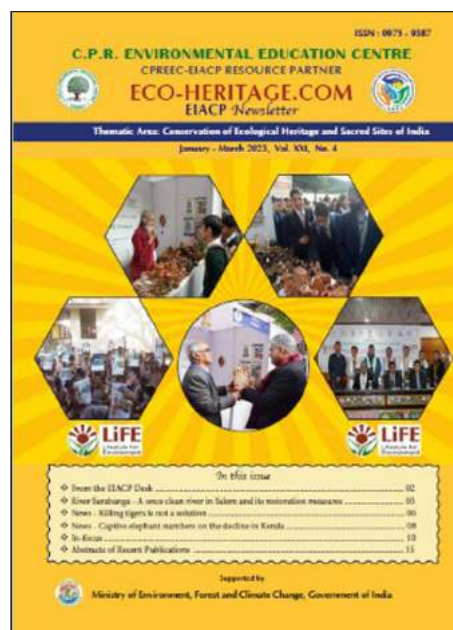
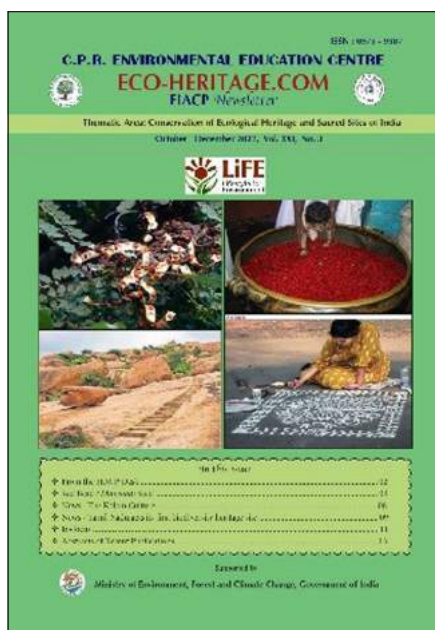


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Visitors at the exhibition of artefacts made by GSDP course trainees at Shakunthala Art Gallery, Chennai

GSDP Trainees of Nilgiris participated and displayed Coconut shell handicrafts, Bamboo artefacts during the Spices Show held at Gudalur, the Nilgiris.



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SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS – WIPRO EARTHIAN

The Sustainability Education in Schools, implemented by CPREEC with the financial support extended by WIPRO Foundation, Bengaluru is under way in the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Goa and the Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. CPREEC conducted **12 direct workshops and 8 online workshops covering 790 teachers from 21 districts. Totally 426 schools were covered.**

S.No	Date	State / Union Territory	Venue & District	No. of Participants
Direct Workshops				
1	29 June 2022	Karnataka	Govt. First Grade College, Yallaburga, Yallaburga Taluk Koppal District	55
2	14 July 2022	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Siksha Sadan, Seminar Hall, Department of Education, Port Blair	45
3	16 July 2022	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Seminar Hall, O/o of DEO, Rangat, Middle Andaman	20
4	18 July 2022	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Seminar Hall, O/o of DEO, Diglipur, North Andaman	23
5	21 July 2022	Andhra Pradesh	Seminar Hall, DEO's Office, Machilipatnam, Krishna District	67
6	23 July 2022	Andhra Pradesh	Jilla Parishat Boys High School,	53

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		Direct Workshops		
			Pattamata, Vijayawada	
7	30 July 2022	Tamil Nadu	Blossom Public School Keelavasthachavady, Pattukkottai Road, Thanjavur 614 904	46
8	10 August 2022	Puducherry	Seminar Hall, State Training Centre, Pondicherry	45
9	10 August 2022	Telangana	Zilla Parishad High School, Saroornagar, Renga Reddy	42
10	17 August 2022	Telangana Hyderabad	Nrupathunga Kannada High School, Lingampally, Kachiguda, Hyderabad	29
11	24 August 2022	Tamilnadu Gudalur Nilgiris	Plantation Workers ITI Gudalur	17
12	30 August 2022	Andhra Pradesh Guntur	Pariksha Bhavan Department of Education, Guntur	92
		Online Workshops		
13	08 July 2022	Tamil Nadu - Nilgiris	Online- Cisco Webex Meeting No: 2641 165 6901	25
14	05 August 2022	Tamil Nadu - Erode	Online- Cisco Webex Meeting No: -26432070417	36
15	11 August 2022	Puducherry Mahe and Yanem	Online- Cisco Webex Meeting No: 26447169095	55

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16	12 August 2022	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Online- Cisco Webex Meeting No: 26436447075	42
17	24 August 2022	Goa	Online- Cisco Webex Meeting No: 26447661988	74
18	30 August 2022	Tamil Nadu- Chennai	Online- Cisco Webex Meeting No: 26436512199	24
19	August 2022	Karnataka- Udupi	Online- Cisco Webex	126
20	August 2022	Karnataka Hassan	Online- Cisco Webex	72
	Total	7 States	21 Districts Schools covered - 426	988 Teachers



Workshop held at Machilipatnam and press clipping

Project Submissions

School students with the guidance of their teachers and expert interaction with the staff of CPREEC and invited resource persons submitted their projects on the themes of Water, Biodiversity and Waste. All the

submitted projects were carefully scrutinised by subject experts and the shortlisted projects were sent to WIPRO Foundation. 56 projects were shortlisted and sent to WIPRO Foundation out of the 326 projects received this year from schools spread over 28 districts in five states and 2 union territories.

Shortlisted and Total number of Project Submissions

S.No	State/ Union Territory	Districts Covered	Shortlisted Projects For National Entry	Total Projects Received @ CPREEC 2022-23
1	Goa	South and North Goa	05	11
2	Tamil Nadu	Chennai, Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Thanjavur, Erode & Udhamandalam	12	118
3	Puducherry	Pondicherry, Karaikal, Mahe & Yanam	06	24
4	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Krishna, Guntur (AP) Medchal, Ranga Reddy & Hyderabad (TS)	10	55
5	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	South, Middle, North Andaman & Nicobar Islands	15	50
6	Karnataka	Mysuru, Haveri, Hassan, Koppal, Mangaluru	08	68
	6	28	56	326

There are FIVE National Winners and SEVEN National Shortlist school projects from CPREEC network schools (seven states).

National Winners:

Andaman Nicobar-2, Goa -1,
Andhra Pradesh-1, Karnataka-1

National Shortlist:

Karnataka-3, Andaman-2, Puducherry-1,
Tamil Nadu-1



S. No.	Position	Name of the School	Place
1	Winner	Government Senior Secondary school	Kadamtala, Andaman
2	Winner	Aravinda Model School	Manglagiri, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
3	Winner	St. Joseph's Educational Institute, Chandor	Chandor, Goa
4	Winner	Kautilya Vidyalaya	Kanakadas nagar, Dattagali, Mysore, Karnataka
5	Shortlisted	Shree Bharath Vidyashram CBSE Senior Secondary School	Agaram, Pudhucherry
6	Shortlisted	GHS Hampanakuppe, Hassan (Kannada)	Hassan, Karnataka
7	Shortlisted	St. Thomas Matriculation Higher Sec School, Panthalur, Nilgiris	Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu



WIPRO Award Function held at Bengaluru on February 11, 2023

Regional Recognition Events

In order to motivate the participating students and teachers, CPREEC organised Regional Recognition Events

(RREs) in all the five states and two union territories as detailed below: A memento to the school and certificates to the students were distributed.



Regional Recognition Event at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands



Regional Recognition Event at Panaji, Goa

S. No.	Date	State	Venue	No. of Participants
1	02 February, 2023	Chennai Tamil Nadu	CPR Convention Centre, 1, Eldams Road, Alwarpet, Chennai 18	69
2	04 February, 2023	Karnataka	Seminar Hall, Bharat Gyan Vigyan Samiti (BGVS), Near Malnad InfoTech Aralikatte Road, Northern Extension, Hassan - 573201	38
3	07 February, 2023	Puducherry	State Training Centre, DIET Campus, Puducherry	31
4	15 February, 2023	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana State	Digital Hall, 3 rd Floor, KBC ZP High School, Near Vegetable Market, Patamata Vijayawada 520010	52
5	17 February, 2023	Port Blair Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Tagore College of Education Port Blair (National Awards Event)	71
6	23 February, 2023	Panaji Goa	Convention Hall, Goa Chamber of Commerce, Panaji, Goa	23

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KARUNA FOUNDATION

Food and The Environment – Eat Healthy & Go Green

“Food and the Environment – Eat Healthy and Go Green” project was implemented in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha and Tamil Nadu with the financial support extended by Karuna Foundation.

Vegan Cooking workshops

CPREEC organised fourteen (14) vegan cooking workshops (alternatives to milk and milk products and demonstration of vegan recipes) for varied target groups in the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka as detailed below:

S. No.	Date	Venue	Target	Persons
1.	12.05.2022	Vijayawada Municipal Corporation 16th Division Corporator Liaison Office Hall, Krishnalanka, Vijayawada 520013 Andhra Pradesh	Self-help group women	61
2.	13.05.2022	Vijayawada Municipal Corporation 16th Division Corporator Liaison Office Hall, Krishnalanka, Vijayawada 520 013 Andhra Pradesh	Self-help group women	62
3.	14.05.2022	Vijayawada Municipal Corporation 16th Division Corporator Liaison Office Hall, Krishnalanka, Vijayawada 520 013 Andhra Pradesh	Self-help group women	40
4.	15.05.2022	Vijayawada Municipal Corporation 16th Division Corporator Liaison Office Hall, Krishnalanka, Vijayawada 520 013 Andhra Pradesh	Self-help group women	44

5.	17.07.2022	Purnachandrapur UG Upper Primary School, Samia, Badachana, Jajapur District, Odisha	Women Anganwadi Health Workers	50
6.	19.07.2022	Jana Shikshana Sansthan, D T I Compound, Near D C Office Tumakuru 572101 Karnataka	Women	44
7.	23.07.2022	Dhimatty Village, Kotagiri, The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu	Tribal Women	47
8.	24.07.2022	Gangeswar Abs Government Upper Primary School, Mirzapur, Salepur, Cuttack, Odisha	Teachers – 20 Women Anganwadi Health Workers – 20 Students – 60	100
9.	29.07.2022	Veerashaiva Samudaya Bhavana, Belur, Hassan District, Karnataka	Women	74
10.	12.11.2022	Subhadra Mahatab Mahavidyalaya Asureswar, Salehpur, Cuttack District, Odisha	College Students	86
11.	20.11.2022	Mahima Ashram Haladibasanta, Garudagaon, Tangi – Choudwar, Cuttack District, Odisha	Women	71
12.	22.11.2022	Bhoomiputra Coffee Belagarara Sangha, Kesagodu, Belur Taluk, Hassan District, Karnataka	Women	47
13.	04.12.2022	Maa Batamangala Temple, Golkund, Bari, Jajpur District, Odisha	Women	90
14.	14.12.2022	Gudalur, The Nilgiris	Women	32
	Total			848



Invited resource persons spoke on the importance of maintaining women's health, eating nutritious food and maintaining the health of family members. Fruit bearing saplings were distributed to the Anganwadi health workers requesting them to raise it in

their house to improve their health and other family members. Participants were taught to make vegan recipes and demonstrated the preparation of salad, milk from groundnut and sesame seeds, vegetable curries and sweets without using dairy products.

సంపూర్ణ ఆరోగ్యానికి శాకాహారమే శ్రేయస్కరం

క్రొవ్వులకు, స్వీట్స్ కు, సోసైజ్స్ అలోగ్గంలో క్షయించడానికి శాకాహారం ఎంతో శ్రేయస్కరమని మహిళా కార్కరేటర్ ఉమ్మడి శిల్ప బహుమతి అవ్వాలని సీపీఆర్ మహిళలకు కార్యశాల నిర్వహిస్తున్న కార్కరేటర్ రాధిక బహుమతి, వెంకటరత్నం తదితరులు

పెరుగు, వెన్న, నెయ్యి లాంటి పదార్థాలను ముడిపడుతూ జీవించే విధానాన్ని వెగాన్ అంటారని తెలిపారు. ప్రత్యామ్నాయంగా కొబ్బరిపాలు, వేరు సెనగ, నువ్వుల నూనెలను వినియోగించాల్సిందిగా సూచించారు. కార్కరేటర్ బర్ ఉమ్మడిశిల్పి రాధిక, స్థానిక మహిళలు పాల్గొన్నారు. కార్యశాలలో భాగంగా ప్రత్యామ్నాయ పదార్థాలతో వంటకాలను ఏవిధంగా వండాలి మహిళలకు వివరించారు.

Eenadu Telugu Newspaper, 13.05.2022



Prajapragathi Kannada News Paper, 21.7.2022

Training programmes on Food and the Environment – Eat Healthy & Go Green

CPREEC's field and state offices at Ooty, Tumakuru, Vijayawada and Bhubaneswar organised the programmes. Programmes were

conducted mainly for teachers, teacher trainees, women and nursing trainees on eating healthy food, veganism, ill-effects of non-vegetarian food to human and the environment, animal cruelties, etc. A total of 16 programmes were conducted reaching out to 889 participants.

S. No.	Date	Venue	Target group	No. of participants
1.	14.09.2022	Rotary Bhavana, Mini Vidana Soudha Road, Hassan, Karnataka	Teachers	62
2.	16.09.2022	Gudalur (RK Trust Training Hall) The Nilgiris	Women	41
3.	17.09.2022	Gudalur (RK Trust Training Hall) The Nilgiris	Women Training Hall) The Nilgiris	48

4.	22.09.2022	Devamatha School of Nursing, Kookalthorai, Ooty Taluk, The Nilgiris	Nursing trainees (women)	38
5.	26.09.2022	NAWA Meeting Hall, Kotagiri, The Nilgiris	Women	48
6.	31.10.2022	Kotagiri, The Nilgiris	Women	42
7.	17.11.2022	Ashwini Adivasi School of Nursing, Gudalur, The Nilgiris	Nursing Students	45
8.	19.11.2022	Hill Fort Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Caircombai, Kotagiri, The Nilgiris	Teachers	41
9.	27.11.2022	Anantakumari Temple, Sunakhandi, Salipur, Cutack District, Odisha	Women	66
10.	11.12.2022	Haladia Government High School, Haladia, Mahanga, Cuttack District, Odisha	Teachers	90
11.	15.12.2022	District Institute of Education & Training (DIET), Angaluru, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh	Teacher Trainees	77
12.	28.12.2022	Government Junior College, Koratagere, Karnataka	Teachers	65
13.	29.12.2022	Government Junior College, Koratagere, Karnataka	Teachers	62

14.	27.02.2023	District Institute of Education & Training (DIET), Boyapadu, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh	Teacher Trainees	67
15.	9.3.2023	Sri Padmavathi Hindu Mahila B.Ed. College of Education, Machilipatnam, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh	Teacher Trainees	39
16.	11.3.2023	Y.V. Rao Siddhartha College of Education Kanuru, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh	Teacher Trainees	58
	Total			889



Workshop for women held at Anantakumari Temple, Sunakhandi, Salipur, Cutack District, Odisha



Workshop for Teacher Trainees of District Institute of Education & Training (DIET), Boyapadu, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh



Workshop at Y.V. Rao Siddhartha College of Education, Kanuru, Vijayawada for B.Ed. students

Vegan Festivals

The first Vegan Festival was organised at the C.P. Art Centre on **July 22, 23 and 24, 2022**. Mr. Kuntal Joisher, a Vegan who climbed Mount Everest two times, came to Chennai specially to inaugurate the Vegan Festival on July 22, 2022. CPREEC released a poster about the Vegan Festival and gave advertisements in leading Newspapers in Chennai. A copy of the booklet *Eat Healthy – Go Green* were distributed to the visitors.

Being the first of its kind in Chennai, the festival attracted a large number of people. This gave us an insight to take it further to other cities too.

Products on display and sale

- ❖ The Viridian Plates – Vegan food
- ❖ One Good – Vegan Milk and Milk products
- ❖ Net Zero Living (formerly Nature's Trails) – Wellness products
- ❖ Vijay Sweets
- ❖ House of Viba – Ahimsa silks

- ❖ Catalyst Food – Mayo and Mock meat
- ❖ Half Time – Brownies
- ❖ Tamu Tamu – Fresh Foods
- ❖ Raw Earth – Cosmetics
- ❖ Jananom Natural Nutrition – Plant based health mixes
- ❖ Karunya Musicals – Vegan Mrudanga, Dholak, Tabla and Khol (fibre glass body and synthetic drumheads)
- ❖ Soy Vita – Enriched Soy beverage powder
- ❖ Ajantha KTK Products – Apple Cider Vinegar
- ❖ Cooper Products (India) – Belts, wallets, suit accessories, brooches, suspenders, cufflinks, bow and fancy ties.



THE HINDU WEEKEND CHENNAI
SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022



Vegan all the way

If you're looking for cashew butters, mock meats, cheese, ice creams, cookies and desserts sans animal products, head to the city's ongoing Vegan Festival.

Organised by the C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre (CPREEC), the debut edition was launched to help consumers understand the health benefits of veganism.

P. Sudhakar, director of CPREEC, says the event aims to popularise the vegan way of life and stop cruelty towards animals. "During this three-day event, we are offering stalls free of cost to makers of vegan products, be it food or lifestyle products," he says of the event that is supported by Karuna Foundation for the 'Food and Environment. Eat Healthy and Go Green' project by CPREEC.

The Vegan Festival is on at C.P. Art Centre, Alwarpet, until July 24. From 10 am to 8 pm. Entry is free. For details, call 9444254831.

నేటితో ముగియనున్న 'వేగన్ ఫెస్టివల్'

అదయార్, జూలై 23: సీపీఆర్ ఎన్విరాన్మెంటల్ ఎడ్యుకేషన్ సెంటర్ (సీపీఆర్ఈఈసీ) గా గుర్తింపు పొందిన సెంటర్ ఫర్ ఎక్సలెన్స్ ఇన్ ఎన్విరాన్మెంటల్ ఎడ్యుకేషన్, కరుణా ఫౌండేషన్ సహకారంలో 'పుడ్ అండ్ ఎన్విరాన్మెంట్ - ఈట్ హెల్త్ అండ్ గో గ్రీన్' అనే అంశంపై 'వేగన్ ఫెస్టివల్'ను నిర్వహిస్తోంది. స్థానిక ఆన్సార్పేలోని ఎల్లమ్మి రోడ్డు, సీపీఆర్ సెంటరులో ఏర్పాటు చేసిన ఈ ఫెస్టివల్ను మౌంట్ ఎవరెస్టును రెండుసార్లు అధిరోహించిన కుంతల్ జోషి ఈ ఫెస్టివల్ ప్రారంభించారు. ఇది ఆదివారంతో ముగియనుంది. ఇందులో వివిధ రకాల ఆహార పదార్థాలను ప్రదర్శనకు ఉంచారు.



'వేగన్ ఫెస్టివల్' ప్రారంభోత్సవం

ఆరోగ్యానికి శాఖాహారమే మేలు



ఫెస్టివల్ను ప్రారంభిస్తున్న కుంతల్ జోషి
కొడుము పేరు: శారద, మానసిక ఆరోగ్యానికి శాఖాహారం మేలు చేస్తుందని ఎవరెస్ట్ శిఖరాన్ని చేరి దు సాయ్ అధిరోహించిన ప్రముఖుడు, శాఖాహార మంత్రోపేక్ష అభిప్రాయపడ్డారు. పన్నె ఆశ్వాసుడు ఎల్లమ్మి రోడ్డులో గల సీపీఆర్ సెంటర్లో సీపీఆర్ ఎన్విరాన్మెంటల్ ఎడ్యుకేషన్ సెంటర్ (సీపీఆర్ఈఈసీ), కరుణ ఫౌండేషన్ సంయుక్త సహకారంతో ఏర్పాటు చేసిన వేగన్ ఫెస్టివల్ను సత్కారం అయిన జ్యోతి ప్రజ్వలన చేసి ప్రారంభించారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆయన మాట్లాడుతూ శాఖాహారంపై అవగాహన ప్రధానంగా చేపడుతున్నానని తెలిపారు. ఎవరెస్ట్ శిఖరాన్ని అధిరోహించడం అద్భుతమైన అనుభవం తెచ్చింది. ఈ ఫెస్టివల్లో వేగన్ ఫిష్, వేగన్ మిట్టన్, అండ్ మిట్టన్ ప్రాడక్ట్స్, వెజిన్ ప్రాడక్ట్స్, దిజయ్ స్వీట్స్, అహింస సిల్క్, హెల్త్ ప్రాడక్ట్స్, మేయో అండ్ మోర్ టూల్స్, ఫ్రెష్ ఫుడ్స్, వాలెట్స్ వ్యక్త నెలబెందమైన హెల్త్ మిక్స్చులు లభిస్తున్నాయని సంతోషానుభూతి తెలిపారు.

Sakshi Today Telugu 23.7.2022

Andhra Jyothi, Telugu Daily 23.7.2022

The second **Vegan Festival – Let's Go Green** was organised at the C. P. Art Centre on **February 17, 18 & 19, 2023**. Dr. S. Chinny Krishna, Co-Founder & Chairman, Blue Cross of India inaugurated and addressed the gathering.

Brands on display were

- ❖ The Viridian Plates – Vegan food
- ❖ Nature's Trails (Net Zero Living) – Wellness products
- ❖ Vijay Sweets – Vegan sweets
- ❖ Catalyst Food – Mayo and Mock meat
- ❖ Tamu Tamu – Fresh Foods
- ❖ Raw Earth – Cosmetics
- ❖ Jananom Natural Nutrition – Plant based health mixes
- ❖ Cooper Products – Belts and wallets
- ❖ Soy Vita – Soy beverage powder

- ❖ Ajantha KTK Products – Millet based products / So Good soy milk
- ❖ Muppaal – Vegan white chocolate, Vegan Fish & Mutton Briyani
- ❖ Taze' Vegan and Plant Based Cloud Kitchen
- ❖ Parul's Magic – Homemade pickles, masalas, podis
- ❖ Chatore Vegan Home Food – Millets
- ❖ Heaven's Elix Probiotics – Kombucha
- ❖ Tastry Tales – Brownies and cakes
- ❖ Ekolyfe Cafe & Store – Beverages
- ❖ Kicks on a Roast – Cold coffee
- ❖ Harita Sarees – Ahimsa sarees
- ❖ Earthen Hue – Kids clothing with natural dye
- ❖ Upcyclie – Clutches and wallets out of waste cloth
- ❖ Manitheer – Personal care products



Screening of film on *Maa Ka Dhoodh*

An award winning documentary film titled ***Maa Ka Dhoodh*** was screened at the CPR Convention Centre on **February 23, 2023**. The documentary was very well received by the audience

and were very much moved after watching the film. The participants felt that the film highlighted the real facts and the message it conveyed was very clear. It was indeed a real eye opener on cruelties faced by the livestock in dairy industry.



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GIZ PROJECT

CPREEC, Andaman Field Office is implementing a project titled **Cities Combating Plastics Entering the Marine Environment**, with the financial support extended by GIZ.

The objective of the CCP-ME project is to prevent plastic waste at source through sustainable waste management practices in selected hotspots. The overall project will work on interventions to enable selected cities to improve collection, segregation and marketing of plastic waste, to prevent plastic disposal to water bodies, and to improve handling of marine waste.

Tree plantation programme was organised as part of World Environment Day celebrations. Awareness programmes on solid waste management were conducted as part of Ocean day (June 8) celebrations. Beach clean-up activities were also carried out at Haddo Shores



in collaboration with the Port Blair Municipal Council on **August 14 and 20, 2022**.

In order to celebrate eco-friendly Durga Puja in the Islands, the Port Blair Municipal Council (PBMC), GIZ and CPREEC held a meeting with the various Durga Puja Committees at the PBMC Conference Hall on **September 26, 2022**. A total of 14 Durga Puja Committees participated in the meeting. Shri. Avinash Kumar, Superintending Engineer (SE), PBMC addressed them and stressed the importance of



eco-friendly puja celebrations. He requested them to make the idols in clay, use degradable materials like banana leaf instead of paper plates and cups to distribute the Prasad.

CPREEC organised various activities in selected hotspot area of Junglighat, Carbyn's Cove and R.K. Mission.

Clean-up activities organized in Mazaarpahad, Carbyn's Cove and Junglighat. CPREEC conducted door to door survey and mobilization, Peoples Participatory Appraisal on waste management, awareness programme for school students and community people, and competitions under the Clean-Up Port Blair Campaign.



Aao Koshish Kare (a Mega event) was conducted on **December 20, 2022** at the Dr. B. R Ambedkar Auditorium. This was organized by PBMC in collaboration with GIZ India and CPREEC. AAO KOSHISH KARE is the initiative under the Clean-Up Port Blair Campaign in the CCPME Project. As part of this initiative competitions were organized in 15 schools within Port Blair city in two categories one is video competition documenting waste storage and segregation practices in the homes. The second competition was wealth out of waste. An artistic project was made by



the students from their household waste. First three winners from school level competitions participated in the city level competition and winners were awarded with certificates and awards.



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TAMIL NADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

CPREEC has been sanctioned a project by the Tamil Nadu Forest Department titled **Creation of Geospatial Database of the Sacred Groves in Tamil Nadu and Documentation of their Biodiversity**. The project period is 18 months commencing from December 2022.

A Senior Research Fellow, a Junior Research Fellow and a Field Assistant have been appointed to implement the project throughout Tamil Nadu. So far,

the staff have recorded 71 sacred groves in Kallakurichi, Tiruvannamalai and Villuppuram districts. AGB – Above Ground Biomass BGB – Below Ground Biomass CS – Carbon Stock and floral diversity of the grove have also been recorded.

Details of Veerapayangaram Veerangi Aiyanar Sacred grove is given below as a sample site.

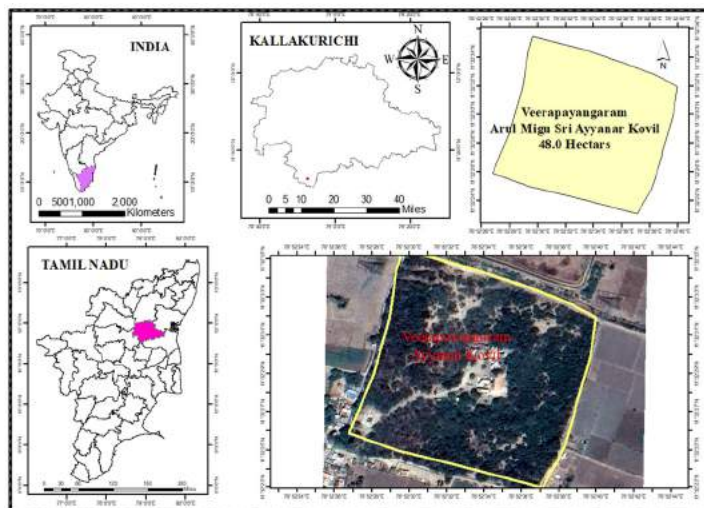


Veerapayangaram Veerangi Aiyanar Sacred Grove

List of the plants recorded in Veerapayangaram Veerangi Aiyandar Kovil

S. No.	Plant name	Family name	Number of plants	AGB	BGB	CS
1	<i>Albizia amara</i> (Roxb.) B. Boivin	Fabaceae	9	159.0328	41.3485	100.1906
2	<i>Tamarindus indica</i> L.	Fabaceae	18	289.2369	75.2015	182.2192
3	<i>Azadirachta indica</i> A. Juss	Meliaceae	1	198.0359	51.4893	249.5252
4	<i>Bambusa balcooa</i> Roxb.	Poaceae	70	16.3284	4.2453	10.2868
5	<i>Tectona grandis</i> L.f.	Lamiaceae	1	14.2389	3.7021	8.9705
6	<i>Aegle marmelos</i> (L.) Correa	Rutaceae	3	25.2687	6.5698	15.9192
7	<i>Prosopis juliflora</i> (Sw.) DC.	Fabaceae	150	189.2365	49.2014	119.2189
8	<i>Capparis sepiaria</i> L.	Capparaceae	2	19.2879	5.0148	12.1513
9	<i>Atalantia monophylla</i> (Roxb.) A. DC.	Rutaceae	25	20.7819	5.4032	13.0925
10	<i>Salvadora persica</i> L.	Salvadoraceae	2	149.2341	38.8008	94.0174
11	<i>Neolamarckia cadamba</i> (Roxb.) Bosser	Rubiaceae	4	278.2874	72.3547	175.3210

AGB – Above Ground Biomass BGB – Below Ground Biomass CS – Carbon Stock

GPS map of the Veerangi Aiyandar sacred grove

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THIRD PARTY EVALUATION OF PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST THROWAWAY PLASTICS

CPREEC carried out a rapid evaluation study of the “**People’s Campaign against throwaway Plastics**” of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB), Chennai in the month of December 2022. We evaluated the activities carried out by the various regional and district offices of the TNPCB throughout the state. We also prepared three types of questionnaire to obtain additional information from the stakeholders

like TNPCB Officials, school teachers, students and the general public.

The Additional Secretary to Government, Department of Environment, Climate Change & Forests was pleased with our report and CPREEC has been asked to carry out a detailed one-year study of the Third Party Evaluation of the People’s Campaign against throwaway Plastics and the *Manjappai* Scheme.



9

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMUNICATION (NCSTC) PROJECT

C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre (CPREEC) was sanctioned a project by the National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC), Department of Science & Technology, Government of India to conduct workshops in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands on **Science and Technology communication of best practices and awareness raising on Climate Change and Biodiversity Conservation in Andaman & Nicobar Islands** for teacher trainees and college students followed by exposure visits in the year 2019-20. Only 2 workshops

could be conducted for teacher trainees in the month of March 2020.

Due to the outbreak of COVID 19 pandemic, CPREEC could not conduct the workshops as the colleges were shut. The workshops were resumed in the month of October 2022.

The resource kit comprising of a canvas bag, a cap and a pen were distributed to all the participants. Books on *Biodiversity* and *Climate Change*; booklet on *WaSH* were also distributed to the participating teacher trainees and college students.

S. No.	Date	Venue	Target group	No. of participants
1.	11.10.2022	Dr. Radhakrishnan District Institute of Education & Training (DIET), Garacharma	Teacher Trainees	55
2.	17.10.2022	Andaman College, Chakkargaon	Students	60
3.	29.11.2022	Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya, Port Blair	Students	47
4.	13.12.2022	Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair	Teacher Trainees	51
5.	15.12.2022	Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair	Teacher Trainees	53
		Total		266



Dr. S. Senthil Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forest (Wildlife), Andaman & Nicobar Administration delivering the inaugural address of the workshop held at Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya, Port Blair



Visit to Orchidarium at Botanical Garden of Botanical Survey of India, Nayashehar



Students at Dhanikari Mangrove Patch to know about Mangrove Conservation

द्वीपों में जलवायु परिवर्तन और जैव विविधता संरक्षण पर कार्यशाला हुई

पोर्ट ब्लेयर, 15 अक्टूबर। सीपीआर पर्यावरण शिक्षा केंद्र ने भारत सरकार के विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग के राष्ट्रीय विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी संचार परिषद के सहयोग से कार्यशाला व अभिदर्शन दौरा का आयोजन किया, जिसका उद्देश्य अंडमान निकोबार द्वीपसमूह में जलवायु परिवर्तन और जैव विविधता संरक्षण पर सर्वोत्तम प्रथाओं और जलवायु परिवर्तन पर जागरूकता बढ़ाना है।

यहां के गाराचरामा स्थित डॉ. एस. राधाकृष्णन जिला शिक्षा एवं प्रशिक्षण संस्थान (डाइट) के शिक्षक प्रशिक्षुओं के लिए 11 अक्टूबर, 2022 को कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। यह कार्यशाला शिक्षक प्रशिक्षुओं के लिए आयोजित की गई, ताकि उन्हें

द्वीपीय जैव विविधता पर जलवायु परिवर्तन के मुद्दों के प्रभाव को समझा जा सके। इस अवसर पर भारतीय प्राणी सर्वेक्षण के प्रभारी अधिकारी डॉ. सी. शिवपेरुमन

मुख्य अतिथि थे। उन्होंने अंडमान निकोबार द्वीपसमूह के लिए जलवायु परिवर्तन के प्रति संवेदनशीलता और अनुकूलन को संयोजित किया। 'डाइट' शेष पृष्ठ 4 पर

**Dweep Samachar
October 16, 2022**

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CSR ACTIVITIES

As part of CSR activities of Expleo Solutions Ltd., CPREEC carried out the following:

❖ Installed 44 cameras at the Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur Calavala Cunnan Chetty's Higher Secondary School, Perambur for the safety of the school children.

CPREEC installed 48 closed circuit video cameras at the Dharmamurthi Rao Bahadur Calavala Cunnan Chetty's Higher Secondary School, Perambur at vantage points for the security of the school children and teaching faculty. The work was completed and the handing over ceremony was organised. Officials from CPREEC and Expleo Solutions Private Limited attended the event. The School Correspondent, Headmaster and staff thanked Expleo Solutions and CPREEC for establishing security system at the school.



❖ Provided drinking water facility to the students of Government Boys' Higher Secondary School, Chromepet by installing a bore well and RO plant.

The Government Boys' Higher Secondary School in Chromepet has been facing water scarcity for several decades. A deep borewell of 400 ft. was dug, automatic submersible motor and a RO plant of 250 ltrs. per hour was installed at the school for providing safe drinking water to the students. Adequate overhead tank and pipe connections were provided and relevant electrical work was also carried out. The waste water from the RO plant has been diverted to the toilets.

Officials from Expleo Solutions Pvt. Ltd. and CPREEC participated in a function at the school and addressed the students.

The Headmistress, teaching staff and students expressed their gratitude to

Expleo Solutions and CPREEC for providing water – the basic need of life.



11

BASELINE SURVEY OF MISSION LIFE FOR INDIA

CPREEC signed an MoU with the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on March 29, 2023 to implement a project titled **Baseline Survey of LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)** (An India-led global mass movement to nudge individual and community action to protect and preserve the environment) in southern

region covering the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Puducherry for a period of three (3) months at a total cost of Rs.1,34,60,000/- from the Statistics Division, MoEF&CC, Government of India.



12

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED & LECTURES DELIVERED

Workshops Attended

- ❖ Dr. P. Sudhakar, Director & ENVIS Coordinator attended the two day National Conference on **Coastal Zone Management – From Policy to Action** organised by Gujarat Ecology Commission, Gandhi Nagar, Ahmedabad on **June 26 and 27, 2022**.

Lectures Delivered

- ❖ Dr. Nanditha Krishna, Member Secretary delivered a lecture on **‘Sacred Ecology of India’** at the Tenth Session of Dharampal Webathon on ‘Local Communities and the Village Economy: Historically and Today’ organized by Centre for Indic Studies and the Gandhi Research Foundation, Ahmedabad on **April 23, 2022**
- ❖ Dr. Nanditha Krishna, Member Secretary delivered an online Keynote Lecture on **‘India’s Sacred Mother Goddess Culture’** at the 2022 Spring International Conference on JEUNG SAN DO CULTURE AND

THOUGHT on the theme ‘The Immortality of the Later’ Heaven, and Subu (“Primal Consort”) ‘organized by JSD Sangsaeng Cultural Research Institute 356-8 Seonwha-dong, Jung-gu, Daejeon, 34862, South Korea on **May 17, 2022**.

- ❖ Dr. Nanditha Krishna, Member Secretary spoke about **‘Amrita Devi of Bishnois’** based on her play ‘Hug a Tree’ for ABC News (Mr. Nick), Australia on **July 27, 2022**.
- ❖ Dr. P. Sudhakar, Director & EIACP Coordinator delivered a lecture on **Role of Youth in Environmental Conservation** organised by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India on **August 24, 2022, September 14, 2022, November 18, 2022 and December 26, 2022**.
- ❖ Dr. Nanditha Krishna, Member Secretary delivered a lecture on **‘Sacred Plants of India’** at the Bhoomi Conference (Regenerative Organic

India 2030) organized by Navadhanya, New Delhi, held at the India International Centre, New Delhi on **October 1, 2022.**

- ❖ Dr. Nanditha Krishna, Member Secretary made a Presentation on **‘What the Flora and Fauna of the Indus Seals Tell us’** at the 30th Session of ‘Environmental Representation in Indian Art’, Indian Art

History Congress (IAHC) at Nalbari College, Assam from **January 7 to 9, 2023.**

- ❖ Dr. Nanditha Krishna, Member Secretary delivered a Lecture on the **‘Sacred Ecology of India’** (online mode) in connection with Bharatiya Itihas Lecture Series organized by VHPA Washington D.C. on **March 4, 2023.**



